

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed October 9, 2007. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 1-13 and 58-72, which were previously withdrawn from consideration, are canceled above without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 14-36, 38-41, and 43-57 are canceled above without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 37 and 42 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 73-77 are added above and are the only claims pending in this case.

Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 73-77 are both novel and non-obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,897,833 to Hunt et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,139,646 to Asgharian et al. cited by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and favorable action on all the remaining claims in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fee amounts required or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Amendment to

Deposit Account No. 501051 of Alcon, Inc.:

- 1) The fee amount of \$210.00 under 37 CFR 1.16(h) for the presentation of one (1) additional independent claim in excess of three (3); and
- 2) The fee amount of \$250.00 under 37 CFR 1.16(i) for the presentation of five (5) additional claims in excess of twenty (20).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other amount required for the filing of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No.**

501051 of Alcon, Inc.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. David Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W." and last name "Lee" clearly distinguishable.

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